

Visa Services

Emergencies

For better customer service and <u>only</u> in cases of extreme urgency, the United States Embassy Paramaribo, Suriname will allow expedited visa application appointments. To request an earlier appointment, please follow the instructions below.

- Call and make the visa appointment through the normal appointment system found on our website http://suriname.usembassy.gov Proceed to fill out the NIV form and follow the steps to schedule an appointment by using your barcode number. Once you have completed the form and selected an appointment day either on Tuesday or Thursday be sure to print and bring in all documents on the day of your appointment.
- 2. Send the Consular Section an explanation letter, the appointment for non immigrant visa sheet and the supporting documents of the unforeseen emergency reason for the request for an Emergency/Expedited visa Appointment via fax at 425788 or email at caparamar@state.gov
- 3. Once the email is received we will immediately review your message.
- 4. An Officer will consider your request and you will be contacted about our decision.

A limited number of visa applicants may qualify for emergency visa interview appointments. To obtain an emergency appointment you must satisfy one or more of the criteria listed below.

The criteria:

- You to need to obtain urgent medical care in the U.S.
- You need to accompany an immediate family member who requires urgent medical care.
 Immediate family members include mother, father, brother, sister, child, grandparent or grandchild.
- An immediate family member in the U.S. has a serious medical condition and requires your presence urgently.
- You need to attend the funeral of an immediate family member
- You need to attend an urgent and late breaking business matter, where the need to travel to the U.S. could not have been foreseen
- You need to make an appearance in a U.S. court

What you need to consider:

If you believe you qualify for an emergency appointment, please read the following points carefully, before you apply for an emergency appointment:

 In order to initiate your request for an emergency appointment, you must first have applied for a regular appointment.

- You must have documentary evidence to prove that you satisfy one or more of the criteria for an emergency appointment. (See above.)
- If the consular officer finds you misrepresented your reason for travel to the U.S., a record of the misrepresentation goes in your case file and may adversely influence the outcome of your current and future visa applications
- If the consular officer determines you do not have a genuine emergency, as defined by the criteria above, the officer will ask you to come back on your regular appointment date.
- Once you obtain an emergency appointment, you are treated as a normal visa applicant; you must qualify for a U.S. visa in every respect
- The Visa Application Fee and the appointment fee are nonrefundable